scheme is to supplement the expertise lacking in the host institutes. The working ages in case of Professors has been increased from 65 to 70 years for next two years. For the year 2006-07, the cadre ratio of 1:2:4 for Professor, Assistant Professor and Lecturer has been relaxed to 1:2:6.

Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee

795. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi fee is being levied from students of Kendriya Vidyalayas of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fee collection and use are not subjected to scrutiny by Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Fee under Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) is being charged at the rate of Rs. 160/- per student per month from students of class XI & XII who do not belong to Science Stream and from students of classes I to X. In respect of students of Science Stream of classes XI and XII, the fee is charged at the rate of Rs. 200/- per student per month. The fee is not being charged from girl children of classes VI to XII, who happen to be the only children of their parents, from 1st January, 2006.

(c) The collection and use of fee under VVN are subject to audit by Comptroller and Auditor General.

(d) Does not arise.

UGC grant for infrastructure facilities

796. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) used to ascertain that the grant provided for constructing infrastructure facilities including hostels for students were utilised/being utilized for the same purpose for which the grant is sanctioned;

(b) if so, whether any survey or steps were taken during the last three years to examine the above facts;

(c) if so, the details of such survey or steps taken in the recognized colleges of Kerala, category-wise, as on date; and

(d) if not, whether a survey will be initiated to verify the present use of infrastructures constructed under the above grant provided to recognized colleges of Kerala, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the information provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC provides grants to the eligible Universities/ colleges under various schemes. The schemes have inbuilt mechanism to monitor the proper utilisation of the grants provided. The subsequent instalments of grant are released only after obtaining the Utilisation Certificate of grants earlier released.

Unemployment of graduates due to outdated education

797. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the graduate unemployment is growing as our university education is simply not geared to meet employment objectives;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of the 9.28 million students in higher education, only 17 per cent are pursuing professional streams while the rest are in degree programmes;

(c) whether it is a fact that curriculum does not match up the requirements of the industry; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to restructure the outdated courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Employment in industry is only one of the objectives of higher education. Students opt for professional courses, depending on their aptitude, eligibility and capacity of institutions offering such programmes. The UGC has encouraged the introduction of career oriented programmes alongwith core programmes at various levels of higher education. A model curriculum developed by the UGC for linking general studies with professional courses has been sent by the Commission to universities for adoption with appropriate modification. However, universities being